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LINN COUNTY FOR TAFT

Delegates to State and Congressional Conventions Instructed for the Secretary of War

The republican convention held at Linneus last Wednesday was both enthusiastic and harmonious. We doubt if there was ever held in the county a political convention with so large an attendance where the delegates were all so near of one mind as on this occasion. It was a fine illustration of the peace and harmony and determination with which the party enters the campaign.

The convention was called to order at 11 o'clock by County Chairman F. W. Burke, who announced that the county central committee had chosen as temporary chairman, Major A. W. Mullins, of Linneus, and J. V. Martin, of Brookfield, temporary secretary.

After a fine speech by the chairman the roll of precincts was called and the usual committees raised, and a recess taken until 1 o'clock.

On reassembling the temporary organization was made permanent and the actual work of the convention taken up.

The following were elected delegates to the state convention to be held in St. Louis on February 17: Dr. A. C. Pettijohn, W. H. Jenkins, Geo. W. Martin, W. G. Hughes, L. L. Neal, L. Sturdevant, C. E. Hilton, C. B. Dagger, D. B. Ormiston, H. E. Symons and F. J. Black.

The following were elected delegates to the congressional convention to be held at Chillicothe next Monday: H. Markham, J. V. Martin, R. M. Tunnell, R. S. Kath-an, Jesse Turner, Geo. W. Anderson, F. W. Burke, R. E. Prather, Alex Brinkley, Judge Hott and M. E. Burke.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

We, the republicans of Linn county in convention assembled, heartily indorse the administration of affairs of our national government by the president of the people, Theodore Roosevelt. We most earnestly indorse the principles and policies so vigorously advocated and enforced during his administration.

We believe that the best interests of our country and its future depend upon the carrying into effect the principles and policies of the republican party as they are outlined and advocated by the present national administration.

That this may be accomplished in the most acceptable manner, to all republicans we heartily indorse the candidacy of Hon. Wm. H. Taft, of Ohio, for the presidency, believing him to be best fitted by large experience and distinguished ability to carry out and execute those principles and policies.

We therefore instruct the delegates to be chosen by this convention to state and district conventions to vote for delegates to the national convention who will use all honorable means to nominate Hon. Wm. H. Taft for president at the convention to be held in Chicago on the 16th day of June, 1908.

The confidence of the republicans of Missouri in the ability and integrity of United States Senator Wm. Warner; their confidence that he would always be found on the people's side has been justified by his every vote and official act.

We commend the administration of state affairs by the republican officers of the state of Missouri as a model for all state administrations.

We unanimously and cordially indorse Hon. Herbert S. Hadley for governor and Hon. John E. Swanger for secretary of state.

NEWS AND COMMENTS

Linneus is going to hold a special election on February 17, to vote on bonding the city again for \$3,500 with which to rebuild their electric light plant, recently destroyed by fire.

A Camden Point young man has broken his engagement because in a letter to him his sweetheart misspelled twenty words. He argued that if she were as careless as that about spelling she couldn't be a careful housekeeper.

The dog law passed by the last legislature and signed by Governor Folk, taxing male dogs \$1 per head and female dogs \$2 per head, has been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court on the grounds that a dog has no real value.

Judge William C. Samuel, aged eighty-five years, one of the oldest and best known attorneys in Missouri, died at his home in Chillicothe last Thursday. Judge Samuel, who was a Kentuckian by birth, settled in Chillicothe in 1847 and practiced law continuously there until about a year ago, when his health failed.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 men returned to work at the Lorain plant of the National Tube company at Cleveland, Ohio, Monday. The plant had been closed down for several months. Under normal conditions about 8,500 men are employed. It is understood to be the present intention of the company to re-employ a full quota of men within a very short time.

The residence on the state farm of Missouri Agricultural college at the state university in Columbia burned Monday morning and is a total loss. The family of Dr. H. J. Waters, who occupies the house, was at breakfast when the smoke began to issue from the basement. The fire started from a defective furnace. Dean Waters lost his entire library valued at several thousand dollars. It is said to have been the best collection of books on scientific agriculture in the West. The building was the property of the state. Twelve thousand dollars will be necessary to replace it.

Because the man with whom she was living reproached her for having left their rooms Monday afternoon, Mrs. Gertie Lannon, twenty-five years old, committed suicide in St. Joseph by swallowing two ounces of carbolic acid. She was found by Charles Cooper, a bartender, the man she lived with, lying unconscious on the bed, soon after 7 o'clock, and she died without regaining her senses. According to St. Joseph newspapers, Mrs. Lannon was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Pierce, of Purdin, and had been married two or three times. Her son and daughter, now thirteen and nine years old, were admitted to the Home for Little Wanderers four years ago. The boy ran away from the home several months ago and is now living with a farmer near St. Joseph. The little girl is still in the institution. It was said at the home that the mother had not called there for a long time and her children knew little of her. Mrs. Lannon, it is said, carried a life insurance policy for \$500 under the name of Gertie Dobleman, payable to her children.

LOCAL DOINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Perambulating Pencil Pusher.

W. M. Watson has sold his two-acre tract of land in the east suburb of town to J. W. Haight at \$250 per acre.

The Christian church in Laclede is to be congratulated on their being able to secure E. W. Killion, of Canton, Mo., for this year. He is a student preacher of more than ordinary ability. He will preach 2nd Sunday of each month.

Local option took effect in Laclede last Thursday night and the lid was put on tight. It is hoped now that Laclede will be as dry as Bill Flowers says Meadville is—so dry that the churches are compelled to use water for sacramental purposes.

J. H. Bagenstos will load a car at Forker and with his family leave next Monday for their new home at Alva, Okla., near which place he has bought a farm. Linn county regrets to lose these good people, but they have the very best wishes of their many friends here.

Mrs. Matt Graham, a former resident of Laclede and well known here, died at her home in Brookfield last week, the remains being brought to Laclede for burial. She was the mother of Mrs. John L. Heath and a half-sister of W. M. Watson, of Laclede, and a most estimable lady.

The Preston farm of 60 acres just east of town, was sold last Monday to A. J. Harter, carrier on route one, for \$3205. The forty where the improvements are was sold at trustee's sale by H. J. Libby, and the twenty adjoining it on the east was sold at private sale by J. A. Crowder.

At the regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen camp last Wednesday night one candidate was adopted, one application for membership favorably considered and the following delegates elected to the county convention to be held in April: E. K. Welsh, B. S. Rankin, J. Clair Lomax, E. E. Toothaker and A. J. Caywood.

Services at the Methodist church next Sunday as follows: 11 a. m., sermon by Rev. J. W. Anderson. After the sermon Rev. Anderson will administer "Holy Communion." 7:30, revival sermon by the pastor. There will be meetings each evening next week. A cordial invitation is extended to all. E. M. Dugger, pastor.

Ira A. Peer, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. H. Peer, left last Saturday for Scottsville, Kansas, where on last Wednesday evening, Ira was united in marriage to Miss Vannella Goodrich, said to be one of Scottsville's most estimable young ladies. They will reside near Scottsville. Mr. Peer's many friends here join THE BLADE in extending congratulations and best wishes.

The republican township primary held at the opera house last Saturday afternoon was well attended. F. W. Burke was chairman and C. S. Welsh secretary. The following delegates were elected to the county convention held at Linneus Wednesday: E. B. Allen, F. W. Burke, A. P. Welsh, C. E. Hilton, C. B. Dagger, Geo. W. Anderson, F. W. Gould, H. Ehrich, J. G. Clinesfelter, A. J. Caywood, J. Q. Aber, Ira Duckworth, J. L. Heath, C. S. Welsh, Emil Brendahl, Jas. Bassett and J. B. Carothers.

Some Evening Reveries.

To a great extent the celibacy of our young men is owing to the way in which girls are brought up. Through mistaken kindness, mothers often themselves do what they ought to make their daughters do. Let them teach housekeeping on a fixed, methodical plan, and they will then learn their history, French and music all the better. It is natural and right that a mother should wish to see her daughter well educated and even highly accomplished; and it is a mistake that good and careful education should unfit a girl for the homely duties of cooking, dusting and general housework. On the contrary, those duties would be better performed if mothers would at the same time that they seek talented instructors for their daughters, impart to them some of their own culinary talent; there would be more good wives and marriages. Little girls should be taught, as soon as possible, to perform simple household duties neatly; and as they grow older, let them become gradually acquainted with the theory of housekeeping in such a manner that, when they are married, they will be able to adapt themselves to their circumstances, and be useful as well as pleasing companions to their husbands.

Gratitude for mercies, patience under trials, congenial society and the hope of heaven will bring us all the happiness this life can bear. Absolutely there is nothing beyond this but the life eternal. Accept this view, and waste no more time and labor in seeking for happiness where it is not.

We estimate a mother's importance in her family as high as anyone can, and yet we do not believe she monopolizes all the qualities needed in the great work of training up human beings. Her familiarity with her children places her, in some respects, at a disadvantage for the exercise of wholesome authority. The wise father will not, indeed, take the reins of the family government from his wife; but he will make his children feel and know that her gentle sway is sustained by a firm and steady hand; that behind their mother's tender heart stands a cool judgment and a will stronger even than their own, and that they cannot impose upon the one or resist the other. But if he would be truly the father of his family, he must not be a stranger to them. It will answer no purpose for him to come in once in awhile to meet some great emergency and awe down rebellion by hard authority. He must be the companion, the friend of his children. Strong, natural love must be the basis of all beneficial discipline. But this is also, we had almost said, equally necessary for the father himself. Nothing keeps the heart so fresh and young, saves it from bitterness and corrosion through the cares and conflicts and disappointments of life, as the daily enjoyment of a happy home. A man of business or a scholar, who thus allows himself time for relaxation and for the play of the domestic affections, will in the course of years have accomplished more, with less wear of mind and body, than one who has been all the time on the stretch, seeking to catch the nearest way to wealth or any other object of personal or public good.

L. Kathryn Felt went to Quincy yesterday to visit over Sunday.

HUMANITY ON THE MOVE

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Dr. Owen, of Brookfield, was in Laclede Thursday.

Chas. Herring is here from Golden, Ill., this week.

Collie Bosworth was over from Brookfield Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sipple spent last Saturday in Bucklin.

Sheriff Anderson was here on official business Monday.

Senator Fields, of Browning, was in Laclede Thursday.

Regular meeting of the Modern Brotherhood lodge Saturday evening.

F. M. Connor is home from his trip to Seattle and a tour of the west.

Miss Emma Gould visited relatives at Wheeling the first of the week.

Mrs. H. Markham, of Brookfield, spent Tuesday afternoon in Laclede.

Mrs. Mary Meredith made a short visit with home folks here this week.

J. S. Conant came down from La Plata and spent Monday here on business.

C. A. Hetrick was over from Brookfield Wednesday night and visited the Woodmen camp.

Mrs. W. H. Woods left Thursday for Pleasanton, Iowa, to visit her sister, Mrs. John Painter.

E. B. Allen, who was here on business and attended the republican convention, returned to St. Louis Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Patton, of route two, returned home last Tuesday from spending a month with relatives in Kansas.

The Royal Neighbors will serve refreshments after the meeting this afternoon. All members are requested to be present.

Luther Miller moved his family from Rothville to Laclede last week. He has employment at the Goodwine coal mines west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Groes are to return from Indiana in about two weeks to make their home here, residing on their farm east of town.

J. A. Crowder, cashier in the internal revenue office at St. Louis, was here Monday on business connected with the sale of the Preston farm.

Mrs. Bates and C. N. Jackson have moved from the Savage farm south of town to S. Baker's farm and are now on route one out of Brookfield.

Mrs. Flora Arnold was over from Brookfield Wednesday visiting the family of J. H. Brown and attended the P. E. O. meeting at Mrs. Sipple's.

Miss Lessie Bruner, of St. Catherine, has been the guest of the families of Geo. B. Peacher and F. W. Keune, northeast of Laclede, the past week.

Miss Glenna Baujan, who has been the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wroe, the past week, left Wednesday for her home at Beardstown, Ill.

While over to "cry" the Wilkins sale Tuesday, Col. D. G. Shiflett, of Meadville called and renewed for THE BLADE another year. Col. Shiflett officiates at more public sales than any other auctioneer in the county.